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3rd Anniversary of local Sino-Japanese hostilities
August 13 - observance

Information at present is to the effect that the local Chinese community will refrain from conducting any movement in commemoration of the anniversary of August 13 in view of the unsettled situation prevailing locally. Enquiries among public bodies, schools, and refugee camps ascertain that they will not hold any meetings or undertake any other form of activity. The majority of the theatres and amusement resorts including the Roof Gardens of the four Department Stores on Nanking Road intend closing on August 13 as they have done in previous years, while factories and commercial concerns will carry on as usual.

It is learned that supporters of the Kuomintang and other pro-National Government elements will observe the anniversary by publishing articles of a national salvation nature in the Chinese Press. Visits may be made to the "Lone Battalion" on that day.

The pro-Japanese organisations which include the Great People's Society, 22 Columbia Road and other Japanese sponsored official organs with offices in Nantao, Chapei and Pootung, have not as yet received any instructions for commemorating the anniversary.

Surreptitious dissemination of propaganda literature, national salvation, pro-Japanese and anti-Chiang Kai-shek, will probably be made in the Settlement and French Concession.

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